



## New Year, New...Move?

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Yes, you read that right. My family is moving.

God seems to have opened a door that no one can shut. He has chosen a sweet church in rural Illinois as our next place to live life and to love the community in Jesus' name. My husband has been hired to serve as senior pastor of Faith Church in Fairmount, and I'll have the opportunity to lead the women there while continuing to homeschool Zachariah.

God has confirmed this next step in so many ways: through **godly counsel**, through **miraculous timing and circumstance**, through **His Word**, and through various **supernatural things--** things beyond human understanding that only the Lord of hosts could orchestrate and reveal.

*"I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." Revelation 3:8*

Here is one of the many glorious ways He has been  
Immanuel, God With Us, at this time:

- \* When we first heard from the church and their interest in Robin, I went to the Lord with tears and said, 'God, I don't want to do what **Jonah** did. I don't want to run from Your call. If you tell us to do this, we will. **I love You more.**'
- \* Over a month later, when they called to offer him the job, guess what section of **Scripture we'd just read** in our One Year Bible reading? **Jonah.**
- \* I shared these two '**Jonah**' accounts with a dear friend over coffee recently. After we parted ways, she texted me, saying: "Just got home. Guess what the girls are watching? VeggieTales' **Jonah!**"

*Truly, the bigger the leap of faith we take,  
the greater the miraculous display of God's wonders to us.*

**CHALLENGE:**

I don't know about you, but I've lived long enough to report with total confidence that running away from God's call is a **seriously bad idea**. I've been found in the belly of the whale a time or two, and there's **no way** I'd ever want to repeat any version of those experiences.

On a temporal level, this move rips my heart when I think of parting from dear friends,  
an amazing church,  
established routines,  
flourishing ministry,  
the 'North Texas American Dream' for our son, and  
the comfort of our familiar home.

But on an eternal level, there's nothing like  
throwing yourself at the mercy of the Lord,  
abandoning all to Him,  
desperately crying out for His provision, and  
surrendering to Him at new heights. And new depths.  
It's a rush and a thrill like nothing else.

I'd rather go to the depths in His arms  
than go to the depths in the whale's belly.

*How about you: It's a new year...what's your new move?*

Whatever Jesus has been calling you to do, please do it.  
If it is from Him, it will line up with His Word,  
His character, and godly wisdom.  
*And it will be worth every ounce of sacrifice and suffering.*

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not  
worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."  
Romans 8:18

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**May 2018 be full of His Presence, spilling over with joy.  
Happy New Year!**

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